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Riding and rolling right along — like the 5-0 football team, its horse-powered float does the same. A Rider Nation float, carrying Saskatchewan Roughriders head coach Corey Chamblin, president Jim Hopson and several others, was part of the action at the Queen City Exhibition parade on Tuesday evening on Dewdney Avenue. Story, page 3. ROSS ROMANIUK/METRO

Smaller buses sought in city's downtown core

Congestion. Council voted for feasibility study into preventing regular transit buses from operating on certain streets

City hall is eyeing a possible plan to banish full-size transit buses from the downtown core and replace them with smaller shuttle buses that would run free of charge within the Market Square area.

City council voted Monday to launch a feasibility study into preventing regular transit buses from operating between Albert and Broad streets, and between Saskatchewan Drive and Victoria Avenue.

"This (feasibility study) isn't to say we're going to do it," Mayor Michael Fougere said Monday.

"This is to say whether it's feasible to do so — and to get an understanding if it works or not."

The study's findings will be presented to council this fall, he added.

Council's decision was partially prompted by concerns among downtown business owners over congestion caused by buses stopping along 11th Avenue.

"Any move that limits the number of buses queuing along 11th Avenue will be a benefit to downtown," said Judith Veresuk, executive director with the Regina Downtown Business Improvement District (DBID). "Between all the alleys and the parkades emptying out, having all the buses stack up creates tremendous congestion."

In addition to the traffic issues, Veresuk said the many stops and transit shelters along the street obstruct pedestrians from navigating the bustling downtown sidewalks.

"If you've been downtown right before the buses come and queue, there's tremendous pedestrian congestion," she said. "It's very difficult to navigate five blocks, and our sidewalks are narrow."

The feasibility study will also analyze the potential for the free shuttles, which Fougere suggested should be at least partially financed by downtown businesses to avoid forcing taxpayers to foot the bill.

While the DBID supports the shuttle concept, Veresuk added, it will wait until the study is completed before committing financial support.

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Are you Ex-cited for the Queen City Exhibition?

Largest yet. This year's Ex will feature 45 rides, two stages and oodles of sinfully delicious fare

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Lights, screams and music will fill Evraz Place for the next five days after the Queen City Exhibition's gates open on Wednesday at noon.

This year's event will be the largest yet in Regina, with 45 rides, two stages for nightly entertainment and copious numbers of vendors.

"It's the largest presentation that we have ever had, and we are really excited about this year," Scooter Korek, spokesman with the travelling entertainment company North American Midway, said on the grounds Tuesday.

"Regina has always proved to be super hardcore Midway riders."

Midway is introducing its newest ride, Mach 3 — a tower that's said to spin riders into a 3.6 G-force.

"(It's a) 130-foot arm that is going around 13 times in a minute," said Korek. "It really is a thrill ride in every term of the word."

Exhibition-goers expecting their favourite attractions will not be disappointed, as the grounds on Tuesday had cotton-candy vendors and staple rides including the Zipper and ferris wheel.

"We brought back a lot of our favorites like the Flume and the Polar Express," Korek said.

"We bring rides that people really want to go on … and that's the reason why they come back year after year."

Evraz Place events co-ordinator Josh Shaw said organizers hope to see about 200,000 people pass through the gates. There might be a benefit, he said, to skipping the busy weekend nights and coming earlier in the week.

"If I am a fair-goer and I have kids, I am coming on Wednesday or Thursday because it's a little lighter — it's not such a zoo," said Shaw. "If you come here on the weekend, it does get quite busy and the lineups are longer."

Regina resident Stan Frank shows off a bacon-covered deep-fried corndog in his food trailer named It's All About the Bacon at the site of the Queen City Exhibition. ALYSSA MCDONALD/METRO

Hospitals fight hand-sanitizer thefts

Regina-area hospitals have intensified efforts to crack down on hand-sanitizer thefts. MARCO VIGLIOTTI/METRO

Regina-area hospitals are bolstering efforts to secure their supplies of hand sanitizer, in hopes of deterring theft and abuse of the translucent gel.

Local hospitals are now placing hand sanitizer dispensers in "secure containers," as well as monitoring known abusers, said Bill Connolly, a communications official with the Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region (RQHR).

"Three years ago, we found people were stealing Isogel (hand sanitizer)," he told Metro. "What we did though was start locking them down."

The popular gels are touted as an easy and accessible way to curb the spread of harmful germs and bacteria.

For some, however, the pungent chemical brew is best used as a cheap intoxicant, thanks to the product's extremely high alcohol content.

The hospitals' increased security measures have greatly reduced thefts of the dispensers, Connolly said, though he noted people are still attempting to make off with smaller quantities of gel.

"Sometimes we have people who will come in with a cup and try to drain it," he said. "When that happens, our security people will come in and escort them off the property.

"If we find people stealing (the gel), we report them to police."

Hospital staff are also taking a more vigilant stance, taking photos of repeat culprits and observing them whenever they enter the facility.

"We observe them once they come on the property, to make sure they're not going to steal again," Connolly said.

So far, the increased security has paid off, he added.

"We have people who will abuse the system and the things that are offered as a public health service, so we take actions accordingly," he said.

MARCO VIGLIOTTI/METRO

Caragana shrubs

No need for mowing or herbicides — 90 goats are on the job

Caragana shrubs are no match for goats that have been brought in to clear the pesky growth from a big Regina park.

Officials with the city's Wascana Centre Authority have hired about 90 of the bleating eating machines to rid the shrubs from a conservation area of the park where the greenery has gotten out of control.

Naturalist Jared Clarke says caraganas were once planted in rows to delineate property lines, but they ended up choking out native species of grass and other plants.

Clarke says the goats are an alternative to using herbicides and seem to work better than mowing, which is a temporary fix.

The more the goats gnaw away at the leaves, the harder it is for the shrub to grow back.

It's not the first time goats have been brought in to do what they do best — Amazon used them at its offices in Japan and they've also been deployed at the San Francisco airport.

The goats will be on duty until Monday, when they will stand down and be transported back to their farm in Edenwold, Sask.

Clarke says if the project is deemed a success, the goats could be brought back again in the future.

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A goat eats away at a tree in this file photo. JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY IMAGES

Bradley Manning convicted of spilling U.S. secrets to WikiLeaks

Faces up to 136 years. Private dodges serious and precedent-setting charge of aiding enemy

U.S. army Pfc. Bradley Manning was acquitted of aiding the enemy but was convicted on Tuesday of espionage, theft and other charges, more than three years after he spilled secrets to WikiLeaks.

Manning was convicted on 19 of 21 charges and faces up to 136 years in prison. His sentencing begins Wednesday.

The lead prosecutor, Maj. Ashden Fein, said Manning knew the material would be seen by al-Qaida, a key point the prosecutor needed to get a conviction of aiding the enemy. Even Osama bin Laden had some of the digital files at his compound when he was killed.

According to Daniel Ellsberg — who in the early 1970s leaked the Pentagon Papers, which showed the U.S. government repeatedly misled the public about the Vietnam War — Manning's acquittal was more significant than his convictions.

He said a conviction of aiding the enemy would mean that most people wouldn't want to risk life imprisonment or even execution for exposing government secrets. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Manning's crime

Manning admitted leaking more than 700,000 records as well as video of a U.S. helicopter attack that killed civilians in Iraq, including a Reuters news photographer and his driver.

- In the footage, airmen laughed and called the targets "dead bastards."

U.S. army Pfc. Bradley Manning is escorted to a security vehicle outside a courthouse in Fort Meade, Md. PATRICK SEMANSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Switzerland

Train driver's body pulled from wreck

Rescue workers on Tuesday recovered the body of the driver of one of two trains that collided head-on in Switzerland. Officials said it appeared likely that one of the trains ignored a signal.

Emergency workers had to separate the front of the two trains to reach the 24-year-old driver's mangled cabin.

A police spokesman said the fire service will continue to comb the wreckage because authorities can't yet rule out the possibility that someone may still be trapped inside. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cross-border crime

U.S. wants cops to be free from Canadian law

The United States wants its police officers to be exempt from Canadian law if they agree to take part in a highly touted cross-border policing initiative, says an internal RCMP memo.

The debate over whose laws would apply to U.S. officers working in Canada raises important questions of sovereignty and police accountability, says the briefing note prepared for RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson.

The perimeter deal aims to ensure the safe, speedy passage of goods and people across the 49th parallel while bolstering North American defences. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Days of cleanup just a drop in the bucket

Workers scoop up crude oil during a cleanup operation on the beaches of Samet Island, eastern Thailand, on Tuesday. About 50,000 litres of crude oil that leaked from a pipeline operated by PTT Global Chemical Plc has reached the popular tourist island despite continuous attempts to clean it up. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Spain derailment. Driver was taking a work call as he sped into deadly crash

The driver was on the phone with a colleague and apparently looking at a document as his train barrelled ahead at 153 km/h — almost twice the speed limit. Suddenly, a notorious curve was upon him.

He hit the brakes too late.

The train, carrying 218 passengers, hurtled off the tracks and slammed into a concrete wall, killing 79 people.

On Tuesday, investigators announced their preliminary findings from analysis of the train's data-recording "black boxes," suggesting that human error appears to be the cause of Spain's worst railway disaster in decades.

The derailment occurred near Santiago de Compostela, a city in northwestern Spain, late last Wednesday. Some 66 people injured in the crash are still hospitalized, 15 of them in critical condition.

According to the investigation so far, driver Francisco Jose Garzon Amo received a call from an official of national rail company Renfe on his work phone in the cabin, not his personal cellphone, to tell him what approach to take toward his final destination.

Garzon was provisionally charged Sunday with multiple counts of negligent homicide. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Driver Francisco Jose Garzon Amo, 53, is taken to preliminary court Sunday. PABLO BLAZQUEZ DOMINGUEZ/GETTY IMAGES

Lac-Mégantic. Obliterated bar to reopen for summer

The popular bar recognized as the epicentre of Quebec's fiery train derailment is set to reopen as a temporary music venue for the summer.

Many patrons and staff members died inside Lac-Mégantic's bustling Musi-Café on July 6 after a runaway train carrying crude oil set off huge explosions.

"For sure, Musi-Café became a symbol of devastation in the tragedy we experienced," owner Yannick Gagne told a news conference on Tuesday.

"But we now want it to become a symbol of the resilience of people in the region, who will restart it and look forward."

The resurgent show bar will also create jobs for those left unemployed, including Musi-Café staffers and workers from several other local restaurants and bars shuttered since the disaster. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Ark. teachers getting armed

Kindergarten cop? U.S. school district paying about $50K plus stipends for ammunition, training to prep staff to act as security guards

A Clarksville school faculty member, wearing a protective mask, carries a practice gun toward a classroom in the Arkansas high school, as students portray victims in a mock shooting scenario. Twenty Clarksville School District staff members are training to be armed security guards. DANNY JOHNSTON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

When classes at Clarksville High School resume in August, assistant principal Cheyne Dougan will be among more than 20 teachers, administrators and other employees in the school district carrying concealed weapons.

After a school shooting in Connecticut last December that left 20 children and six teachers dead, the idea of arming schoolhouses against gunmen was hotly debated across the country.

The National Rifle Association declared it the best response to serious threats. But even in the most conservative states, most proposals faltered in the face of resistance from educators or warnings from insurance companies that schools would face higher premiums.

Making use of a little-known Arkansas law that allows licensed, armed security guards on campus, Dougan and other teachers at the school will be considered guards.

"The plan we've been given in the past is, 'Well, lock your doors, turn off your lights and hope for the best,'" Supt. David Hopkins said. But as deadly incidents continued to happen in schools, he explained, the district decided, "That's not a plan."

In strongly conservative Arkansas, where gun ownership is common and gun laws are permissive, no school district had ever armed teachers, according to the state Department of Education. The closest was the Lake Hamilton School, which for years has kept several guns locked up in case of emergency. Only a handful of administrators — not teachers — have access to the weapons.

Clarksville, a community of 9,200, is going further. Hopkins said he faced a flood of calls from parents worried about safety after the attack last year at Sandy Hook Elementary in Connecticut.

He said he and other school leaders didn't see why they couldn't rely on their own staff and teachers to protect students rather than hire someone. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lower potash prices could wallop province

Saskatchewan's economy could be hit hard by lower potash prices now that a key rival is out of a European cartel, with one prediction cutting the province's economic growth in half this year.

Uralkali, one of the world's largest potash producers, said Tuesday it will end its export sales through the Belarusian Potash Company and direct all export volumes through its own Uralkali Trading.

The breakup of the cartel was taken as a sign that Uralkali will be able to drive down the price of potash by as much as 25 per cent, affecting other producers in Canada and the U.S.

It's a possibility that led to large drops in the stock price of PotashCorp, Mosaic and Agrium, companies with major potash operations in Saskatchewan.

Quoted

"We will be monitoring these developments closely ... to gain a better understanding of the potential impact."

Kathy Young, a spokesperson for Premier Brad Wall

Potash, a main ingredient used in fertilizers used to promote crop growth, is key to the province's economy, and the suggestion of a possible slide in that market raised questions about what impact may be felt by Saskatchewan, or even the Canadian economy, as a whole.

"It is a sector that has in the past had a material impact on growth and that can be the case again for 2013," said Paul Ferley, assistant chief economist at the Royal Bank of Canada.

If there were double-digit declines in potash production over the second half of this year resulting in flat mining output for the year, he said, that could reduce growth in the province by about a percentage point.

Bill Johnson, a spokesman with PotashCorp, said the company was still assessing the situation. For the moment, it is operating as usual and continuing with its expansion in the province, as well discussing the developments with customers, he said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Dubious food. Oreo doughnut tops Timmie's contest shortlist

On a day when doughnut flavours included devil's food cake and caramel popcorn, it was the simpler creations that won the day for Tim Hortons' Duelling Donuts contest.

B.C.-born Jason Priestley was among the panel of judges who whittled down the long list of 16 doughnut creations to just eight on Tuesday.

Among the finalists are the S'more Of It, the Monkey C, Monkey Do-Nut, the Dark Chocolate Cherry Chunk and the Oreo Borealis. The pastry recreation of the classic cream-filled cookie took the top honours from the panel, which also featured execs from Tim Hortons and TV host Ben Mulroney.

The contest was dreamed up after Priestley appeared in an episode of the sitcom How I Met Your Mother where he claimed he had invented the Priestley, a strawberry-vanilla doughnut with a chocolate Timbit nestled inside.

The Priestley is a fictional doughnut mentioned in an episode of How I Met Your Mother, and subsequently whipped up by Tim Hortons for a photo-op. It inspired the chain to launch a designer doughnut contest. TIM HORTONS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The contest winner will receive a $10,000 grand prize. Canadians can vote for their favourite of the last eight doughnuts standing online, beginning Aug. 5. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Retail. Zara Home to launch stores, online sales in Canada

Zara Home is slated to open for business in Canada next month. The first location for the home furnishing brand is set to launch at Toronto's Yorkdale Shopping Centre on Aug. 22, coinciding with the startup of its Canadian e-commerce site.

Zara Home's second store will open at Carrefour Laval in Laval, Que., on Aug. 29.

Zara already has apparel stores in a number of cities across Canada. Launched in 2003, Zara Home specializes in home decor based on the latest fashion trends. Bedding, table and bath linens, furniture, tablewear and cutlery are among its collections. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Global brand

370

Zara Home currently has more than 370 stores in 38 countries.

Ireland's first

Bill OK's abortion when life at risk

Ireland's head of state has signed the country's first bill on abortion, legalizing it in cases where doctors deem a woman's life is at risk, including by suicide.

Pres. Michael D. Higgins signed the bill rather than referring it to the Supreme Court. Anti-abortion activists are likely to challenge the decision.

Until now, abortion held a maximum penalty of life imprisonment. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Economic forecast

Canada could lose bragging rights over growth

Once a growth leader among big industrialized nations, Canada's reign at or near the top may be coming to an end, says a new forecast from Capital Economics.

The projection calls for the economy to advance by 1.5 per cent, followed by an even softer one per cent in 2014, as the country's overbuilt housing market moves from soft to crash landing.

That would likely put Canada behind the U.S., Japan and possibly Germany, among the G7 countries, in terms of growth in at least one of the years.

The new outlook runs directly contrary to how the Bank of Canada and many private-sector bank economists view the economy and housing unfolding. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Market Minute

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WATER'S RISING. WHERE'S THE ARK?

JUST SAYIN'

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Ho-hum. Another day, another prophet of doom.

Today's Cassandra du Jour is someone named Benjamin Strauss from something called Climate Central. Strauss concludes that without an immediate deep reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, 1,700 U.S. cities will be underwater by the end of this century.

And even if we stop adding greenhouse gases to the atmosphere right now, 80 cities including Hoboken, N.J., and Fort Lauderdale, Fla., are already toast. Frank Sinatra's hometown sinks beneath the sea! Pictures at 11!

Strauss's conclusions have been published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (not the National Enquirer) and run through the news cycle. Headlines everywhere. Hard to miss.

You may be wondering if Strauss is just some paranoid nutcase. If he is, he's a paranoid nutcase with a PhD in ecology and evolutionary biology from Princeton, a master's in zoology from the University of Washington, and a BA in biology from Yale. A beautiful mind.

Climate Central certainly sounds reputable: "An independent organization of leading scientists and journalists researching and reporting the facts about our changing climate and its impact on the American public." Such as 1,700 cities will be sleeping with the fishes by 2100.

This is not just an American wet dream: Various studies have also earmarked several coastal Canadian cities, such as Vancouver and Halifax, for the Big Bath.

So what's going on here? Why aren't we all stampeding for higher ground? Even if 2100 seems a long way off, the sheer scale of this inundation should have us building big boats in our backyards and pairing off the raccoons and Pomeranians, especially if we live in Hoboken or Fort Lauderdale.

But nothing's going on here. The U.S. president has a "plan," but it's hardly an emergency response, and even if the U.S. starts cutting emissions and shoring up dikes, that supposedly won't hold back the tide. And, of course, our Prime Minister Stephen Harper sees the emission of greenhouse gas as a patriotic act.

We obviously don't believe Strauss or all those other guys with letters after their names. Apparently, the skeptics have done a great job of painting them as a bunch of careerists so greedy for grants they'll say anything, no matter how over the top. If anyone's all wet, it's Strauss and all those other *scientists* (dirty word).

Still, aren't you a bit creeped out? What if Strauss is only half right, or a quarter right? What if the skeptics, who don't have nearly as many letters after their names, are the wet ones?

Is there anybody out there who can tell us the truth? It's a simple, honest question: How high's the water, daddy? Really?

ZOOM

Of course Road Runner is for dinner

DEBBIE DICARLO/REX FEATURES

Photog captures coyotes interacting

This stunning picture taken by amateur wildlife photographer Debbie DiCarlo shows the adorable coyote pups howling as the adult coyote tips back its head to let out an ear-piercing howl at a wildlife preserve in Hinckley, Minn. METRO

Q and A

'Hope and emotions'

DEBBIE DICARLO
Amateur photographer, 58, from Cleveland, Ohio

From the photograph's composition, it looks like the pups are mimicking the adult in howling ...
Yes, but that's certainly from the point of view of us humans, and how we assign human expressions to animals.

But isn't that what makes animal photography special — when we assign it human traits?
I completely agree. That is certainly one great way of interpreting these photographs. Animal photographs conjure up amazing imagery of hope and emotions in us all.

Clickbait

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We're past the halfway mark of the year, which is still a depressing distance from the best-of lists that pepper December and January. So let's get an early start with a trio of some of the best mobile games of 2013.

Limbo

The long-awaited port of 2010's moody gem has finally arrived. Take control of a boy navigating the dangers of a beautiful but starkly harsh side-scrolling world (pictured). Seriously stark. The game is full of punishing puzzles and grisly deaths. (iOS/$4.99)

Gemini Rue

A defiantly old-school point-and-click sci-fi noir set in a future familiar to Blade Runner fans. The original version was designed for keyboard and mouse, so the controls can be awkward. But solving the mysteries of the dual-plotted story is addictive enough to overlook them. (iOS/$4.99)

Star Command

From the clever dialogue to the pixelated graphics, everything about space adventure reads as a love letter to Star Trek. Managing your crew and monitoring shield and weapon systems during frenetic battles is deep and challenging, though that's offset a bit by a linear story and shallow interactions with the races you encounter. (iOS, Android/$2.99)

Twitter

@metropicks asked: A scientist made a 'Frankenburger' from animal stem cells. Would you eat it? Is it vegetarian?

@NHL4HAMILTON: Sure ill give it a try! Be interesting to see what it tastes like.

@st_mack: As long as there was Frankenbacon to go on top of it.

@1983boxedwine: No Way! We should care about where our food is coming from and what we put in our bodies. #realfood #lessdisease #healthyliving

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Review

The Smurfs 2

Director. Raja Gosnell

Stars. Neil Patrick Harris, Hank Azaria

The problem with The Smurfs is that the blue mushroom-dwelling dwarves(?) just aren't elaborate or very amusing. In that sense, they're perfectly safe film fodder for prepubescents. In this straightforward sequel, Papa Smurf and company travel to Paris to rescue Smurfette (a whiny-sounding Katy Perry) from diabolical wizard Gargamel (Hank Azaria, trying his best). The sequel would've been buoyed by new characters except that one (named Hackus) is ceaselessly irritating. Still, Hackus shouldn't worry — with $150 million in corporate tie-ins already, his ugly mug will surely appear on everything from plush dolls to nasal strips. STEVE GOW/METRO

Celebrity news

Miley Cyrus.
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Not a girl, not yet a woman, but totally fine, guys

Miley Cyrus' transformation from a sweet-faced child star into a wild-child sensation has garnered plenty of debate, but she says it's not really all that deep — she just grew up, y'all.

"I think people forget what it feels like to be 20," she said in a recent interview. "People just evolve and that's all that's happened to me. But people think a mad scientist somehow cooked up this potion and turned me into a different human. ... All I did was get a haircut and buy some clothes." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Two guys, two guns, no spanking

Interview. Denzel Washington and Mark Wahlberg talk about going funny with new buddy comedy 2 Guns

MATT PRIGGE
Metro World News

Denzel Washington and Mark Wahlberg star in 2 Guns, which opens this weekend. CONTRIBUTED

Denzel Washington is funny. He just doesn't do funny movies.

People have told him how good he is with a joke. He agrees and he doesn't.

"I'm quick. But being funny on purpose, take after take — I don't know. It's new territory."

Indeed, he hasn't done a full-on funny film since the ghost comedy Heart Condition, opposite Bob Hoskins in 1990. It's the only one on his resumé.

2 Guns isn't a full-on comedy. It's a '70s-style throwback thriller, starring Washington and Mark Wahlberg as undercover government agents embroiled in the pursuit of a booty of stolen cash. But he and Wahlberg, longtime friends finally working together, have great chemistry, and the tone of the film allows them to goof around in between shoot-outs and scenes where Bill Paxton's fearsome CIA heavy plays Russian Roulette with his crotch.

"I'd been looking to stick my toe in the water," Washington says about being funnier. "Especially coming off Flight, I was looking to do something where I had more fun."

Wahlberg had already been attached to the production, based on Steven Grant's comics, which was a big selling point for him.

"Mark is not just funny, but he has a warmth and a heart about him that I've loved. I watched Ted the other night. That's a sick movie."

Not that he wanted to go that far.

"I'm not ready to be spanked yet — not right out of the gate. But (Wahlberg) helped free me up, to go for it, to not worry about being silly."

Wahlberg was happy it wasn't the traditional kind of buddy comedy.

"Usually they'll take the comedy guy, the really out-there comedy guy, and put him with the straight guy. We didn't want to do that," Wahlberg explains. "We felt like the two had to be really formidable opponents, to earn that camaraderie, to earn that trust in one another."

Asked how they handle comedy or drama, Wahlberg says there's little difference.

"I approach everything the same: I try to make it as real as possible," he explains. "If you're going to make people laugh or cry, it's the same thing. But if I start doing pratfalls, someone please pull the plug."

Washington just tries to integrate himself in his roles.

"I try to bring my own personality to the parts, some kind of personal connection," he explains. "The audience can maybe believe it a bit more."

When asked which role is closet to the real him, he can't help but joke.

"Training Day. That's who I am. That's the real Denzel."

In character

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Denzel Washington
Talking about he gets into character

In Focus

2 Guns took two roads to production

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This weekend Denzel Washington and Mark Wahlberg co-star as a DEA agent and an undercover Naval Intelligence officer who are investigating one another in 2 Guns.

Conceived as a vehicle for Owen Wilson and Vince Vaughn after the success of Wedding Crashers, the movie was originally meant to take advantage of the comedic chemistry between the two, but slowly morphed into something else as it made its way to Wahlberg and Washington.

It joins a long list of movies to change tone as they swap casts.

We think of Beverly Hills Cop as the hilarious Eddie Murphy movie about a streetwise Detroit cop displaced to hoity-toity Los Angeles. Initially however, the movie was meant to star Sylvester Stallone.

Stallone also turned down the part of Jack Colton in the romantic action-adventure Romancing the Stone and was replaced by Michael Douglas.

Taxi Driver made Cybill Shepherd a star, but the part almost went to Farah Fawcett Majors because, producer Julia Phillips claims, director Martin Scorsese preferred Majors' "shapely bottom."

Finally, Daniel Day Lewis is an acting legend with five Oscar nominations and three wins to his credit, but imagine if he hadn't turned down the roles of Zod in the recent Superman epic Man of Steel or Shakespeare in Love's love interest, a part that went to Joseph Fiennes.

SCENE

Justin Bieber. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Bieber's crew busted with pot at the border

Marijuana and drug paraphernalia were seized from one of Justin Bieber's tour buses during a stop at the U.S.-Canada border, according to E! News.

Bieber himself wasn't on the bus, and his rep insists, "It wasn't Justin's bus," but Customs officials say it was part of his convoy.

"The tour bus, associated with musician Justin Bieber, was en route to a concert schedule later Sunday night in Detroit," a spokesman says. "Officers seized marijuana and paraphernalia and issued a penalty to the driver. The bus and passengers were released without further incident."

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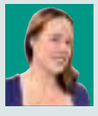
The Word

Applaud for Lady Gaga, she needs it



THE WORD
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Well, hello there, new artwork for Lady Gaga's new single, Applause, which looks like something Barbra Streisand would do circa 1983

Gaga unveiled this cover on Sunday to Women's Wear Daily, which was created by photography duo Inez van Lamsweerde and Vinoodh Matadin, who also filmed the single's music video. The single will drop on Aug. 19.

"What I'm saying in the song essentially is that I live for the applause. I live for the way you cheer and scream for me. Give me that thing that I love. Put your hands up, make them touch," she told the magazine about her inspiration for the single, which is a much, much better title than just calling it Clappin'.

Under the Dome still under said dome

Welp, it looks like no one is escaping that stupid dome anytime soon — CBS has renewed Under the Dome for a second season.

"We're excited to tell more stories about the mystery of the dome and the secrets in Chester's Mill, and are thrilled to have the master storyteller himself, Stephen King, tell the first one of next season," CBS Entertainment President Nina Tassler said in a statement.

The renewal makes sense as the show is a bona-fide hit for the network, averaging about 13.8 million viewers, according to Nielsen numbers provided to the network.

Considering this was to be a mini-series done and over in 13 tight episodes, this renewal is just stretching it out to make advertising dollars. So instead of a mini-series, it will now be a TV show. So what are they going to call the second season, Under the Dome: Still Not Over It?

Johnny Depp

Johnny Depp just wants to speak his own words

Maybe he was expecting a better box office performance from The Lone Ranger.

Johnny Depp has started talking about retiring from acting, telling the BBC, "I wouldn't say that I'm dropping out any second, but I would say it's probably not too far away."

Depp, who also mulled retirement in his recent Rolling Stone cover story, has a rather interesting reason for wanting to give acting a rest.

"You realize that you've said written words more than you've actually had a chance to say your own words, you start thinking of that as a kind of insane option for a human being."

Evan Rachel Wood

Another celebrity couple trying to copy the royals

Evan Rachel Wood is officially a mom. The 25-year-old actress gave birth to her first child Monday, her rep confirms to Us Weekly.

"Evan Rachel Wood and her husband, Jamie Bell, are parents to a beautiful boy," the rep says. "Parents and baby are all doing well."

Bell couldn't contain his enthusiasm, praising his wife on Twitter with, "What a day. Evan, you are my warrior! You never cease to amaze. Thank you for birthing our son so naturally and peacefully. You did it!"

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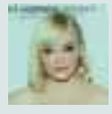

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Someone just told me to consult an almanac. #1892?

@iamwandasykes
Either this driver's cologne is too strong, or his blood type is Drakkar.

@JuddApatow
The Bachelorette is playing like a Cassavettes movie. Feels like Peter Falk is gonna drive up on a jet ski with Ben Gazzara at any moment.

Unshakeable Christchurch

New Zealand. After a devastating earthquake in 2011, the city is ready to welcome visitors

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The Re:START mall is a fun shopping area in the heart of Christchurch. DAVID SWANSON

The city of Christchurch, New Zealand, is in full swing with its exciting rebuild plan after the earthquakes it experienced a little over two years ago. The city and the surrounding region of Canterbury offer many things to do, places to stay and eat, and are absolutely ready to welcome visitors.

In true Kiwi form, the people of Christchurch are focusing on finding the silver lining and while remembering and honouring the past, they are embracing the future. The focus is now on creating a world-class city that engages both locals and visitors. A blueprint plan that concentrates on creating an accessible, world-class city that showcases all the fabulous activities, restaurants, accommodation and business opportunities that Christchurch has to offer has been developed and is in the process of being brought to life.

Experience Christchurch of today

While the people of Christchurch are looking forward, they realize that many visitors want to better understand what happened two years ago. Quake City is an interactive experience that outlines the science and the human interest elements behind the earthquakes. Now visitors can take the tour through the "red zone" — now the rebuild zone. Here you can see the work being done and get an up-close view of the uncrushable Kiwi spirit that shines through as the city is re-created. In fact, each day many of the areas of the city are being reopened to the public and, as this happens, you can see the joy and pride in the faces of the people who call Christchurch home.

You can also check out the Cardboard Cathedral. This structure is being built to temporarily replace the historic Christchurch Cathedral, which was damaged during the earthquakes. Church services will be held in the Cardboard Cathedral, which is made of paper tubes coated with waterproof polyurethane, and was opened in June 2013 with seating for 700.

Shop and sip

For those interested in shopping, the Re:START mall is an area that offers some of the best New Zealand designers. Re:START may not be the first shipping container shopping mall in the world, but it is one of the most creative, appealing and — a priority in New Zealand — fun! More than 50 retailers are located right in the heart of the city, including great cafés, the perfect place to rest your weary feet after a morning of trying on designer duds and checking out the bright, vibrant and energetic area. There is also New Regent Street, which is a quaint street full of shops and boutiques – and, of course, cafés. After all, shopping and coffee were made for each other.

Discover the magic of the Canterbury region

While Christchurch is a fabulous city, visitors are also encouraged to venture out into the Canterbury region. And who better to show it to you than a fifth generation Canterburian — a real local. A local's local, if you will. David Hiatt runs Canterbury Guiding Company, a specialized tour provider that offers excursions that you just can't get anywhere else. He knows winemakers and cheese makers, farmers and artisans and, relevant to his guests' interests, he makes magic happen. David and his team know every inch of the Canterbury region — the wineries, the restaurants, the trails, the farms and the people. If the guests want it, David can make it happen. One day it might be a behind-the-scenes chat and tasting with a cheese maker. The next day, it might be a balloon ride to view the mountains and sea or a wine tasting with the winemaker. One thing is for certain — David is the guy to take people to see the Canterbury that the residents know and love.

Air New Zealand (airnewzealand.ca) has direct non-stop flights from Vancouver to Auckland and offers flights from many other North American cities. For more information about New Zealand, visit newzealand.com.

Get the app

Tourism New Zealand (TNZ) is making travel to New Zealand even easier with the launch of its first mobile app — Essential New Zealand. The free to download app offers advice to travellers on the go in New Zealand, without the need for a WiFi connection, encouraging them to do and see more while in the country.

Stay in style. Splurge for some fine accommodations in New Zealand

While there are plenty of budget and reasonably-priced places to stay on both the North and South Islands of New Zealand, there is a growing trend for even the most budget-conscious visitors to take a night or two and indulge themselves by staying at one of the country's nicer lodges or hotels.

The Boatshed on Waiheke Island, just a 40-minute ferry ride from Auckland, offers visitors a charming piece of Kiwi life. The five suites and two bungalows are designed to reflect "baches" — a New Zealand term for a holiday home.

It offers an eclectic mix of different buildings, spaces and room types — all with a view of the ocean. And exclusive to guests is fine dining at The Boatshed's restaurant.

Service is in a relaxed, alfresco setting, with exceptional New Zealand seafood and gourmet meat cuts accompanied by organic, locally sourced produce (some grown at The Boatshed). The fact that this luxury accommodation is located on Waiheke Island, which is home to a number of beautiful vineyards, just makes it that much more of a treat.

And also for wine lovers, there is Black Barn, located in the wine producing region of Hawke's Bay. This winery and vineyard produces fabulous wines and also offers accommodation — right in the vineyard. There are 14 distinctive, self-contained accommodations offering character and style.

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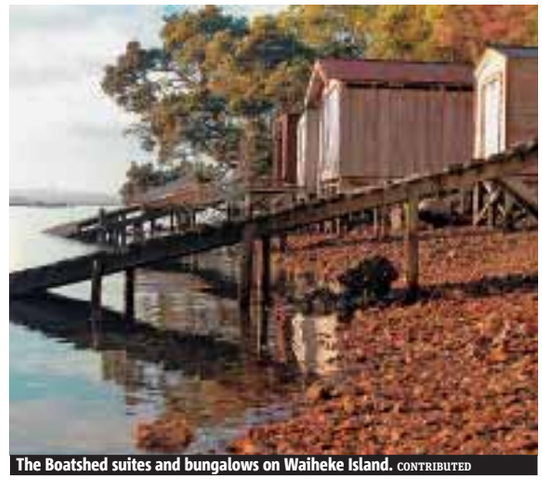
The Boatshed suites and bungalows on Waiheke Island. CONTRIBUTED

The anti-meat BBQ guide

Food. Food blogger Angela Liddon shares her favourite grease- and grime-free veggie recipes for a hot and sunny day. It's not all about melted cheese and steak you know.

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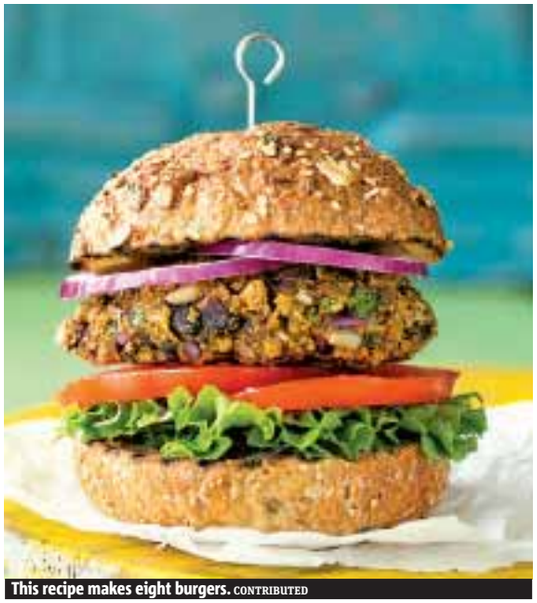

This recipe makes eight burgers. CONTRIBUTED

Barbecue. Admit it. The second you read that word, your brain bombarded you with images of charcoal steak and roasted marshmallows.

"There are so many other options that showcase classic summer foods without sacrificing flavour or nutrition," Angela Liddon, food blogger and founder of the vegan friendly website Oh She Glows tells Metro. "A veggie burger can be both hearty and satisfying, as is a smoky grilled salad. And one thing is for sure, you'll feel light, energized, and anything but weighed down!" she adds.

Here are some of her favourite summer recipes, such as this veggie burger.

"These veggie burgers are one of the most popular recipes on my blog. They have all the right elements we love in a veggie burger — chewy, hearty, and they hold together well when cooking. You can freeze the burgers after cooking for quick and easy meals throughout the week."

1. Preheat oven to 350 F and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

2. Whisk flax and water in a small bowl and set aside for 10 minutes.

3. In a large bowl, mash the black beans until a paste forms with a few chunky beans left intact for texture. Stir in the rest of the ingredients (including the flax and water mixture), adjusting spices and seasonings to taste if desired.

4. With slightly wet hands, shape dough into 8 patties. Pack dough tightly as this will help it stick together.

5. Cooking options: Bake patties at 350 F for 15 minutes, gently flip, and bake for another 15-20 minutes until patties are firm and golden. For grilling on the BBQ: pre-bake the patties in the oven for about 15 minutes at 350 F before placing on a pre-heated grill. Grill on each side for a few minutes until lightly golden.

6. Serve with toasted buns or lettuce leaf "wraps".

Ingredients

- 3 tbsp ground flax seed
- 1/3 cup warm water
- 1 (15-oz) can black beans, rinsed and drained
- 1 cup grated carrots
- 1/3 cup finely chopped parsley
- 2 large garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 cup chopped red onion
- 1/2 cup sunflower seeds
- 1 cup oat flour
- 1/2 cup spelt breadcrumbs (or breadcrumbs of choice)
- 1 tbsp extra-virgin olive oil
- 1-2 tbsp tamari, to taste
- 1/2 tbsp chili powder
- 1 tsp each dried oregano, ground cumin, fine grain sea salt
- freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Drink of the Week

Almond Iced Tea

Not too sweet and slightly nutty, this summer mix is perfect for outdoor sipping.

By the glass

- 1 1/2 oz Belvedere Lemon Tea
- 1/2 oz almond syrup
- 3/4 oz lemon juice
- 3 oz green tea

Build over ice and garnish with a lemon wedge.

By the pitcher

- 375 ml Belvedere Lemon Tea
- 100 ml almond syrup
- 175 ml lemon juice
- 700 ml green tea

Add all ingredient to pitcher over ice. Garnish with lemon and blueberries.

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Veggies take over the grill!

1. Brush each corn on the cob with coconut oil to coat. Season with salt and pepper. Wrap each cob with tin foil, twisting the ends to secure.

2. Brush coconut oil onto each piece of pepper and zucchini. Season with salt and pepper.

3. Preheat grill over medium heat for about 10 minutes. When ready, add corn, peppers, and zucchini (on top rack, if possible), rotating every 5 minutes. Grill peppers and zucchini 10-15 minutes, or until lightly charred and tender. Continue grilling the corn for another 15 minutes.

4. When vegetables are finished cooking, cool corn until safe to handle. Meanwhile, whisk together the dressing ingredients in a small bowl.

5. Use chef's knife to remove corn kernels from cob by slicing downward along the length of the corn. Finely chop peppers and zucchini.

6. Add vegetables into large bowl and toss with dressing. Season with a generous amount of salt and pepper to taste.

Tip

If you'd like to boost the protein content of this salad, feel free to add a can of drained and rinsed black beans.

Ingredients

For the salad:
- 6 ears of corn, husk removed
- 1-2 tbsp coconut oil
- 1 of each: red, yellow, and orange bell pepper, sliced into 4 large pieces each
- 2 medium zucchini, sliced in half lengthwise
- Salt and pepper, to taste

For the dressing:
- 3 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- 3 tbsp fresh lime juice
- 1 small garlic clove, minced
- 2 tbsp minced fresh cilantro
- 1 tsp agave nectar, or to taste
- 1/4 tsp fine grain sea salt
- Black pepper, to taste

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Dessert. Summer Fever Strawberry Lime Granita

"Granita is not only easy to make, but it's the perfect solution for summer fruit on its last legs," says Liddon. "Strawberries, raspberries, and cherries would all work well in this recipe. Traditional granita is sweetened with a boatload of white sugar, but this version uses a small amount of agave nectar for an easy-on-the-waistline summer treat at just 85 calories per serving."

1. In food processor, process all ingredients until smooth. Adjust agave or lime juice to taste.

2. Pour mix into a 9-inch square pan and place into freezer for a couple hours, uncovered. After 2 hours, scrape mix with fork to break up the ice chunks that are forming. An hour later, repeat this process. The granita should be ready after 5 hours, but this may vary based on your freezer temperature.

3. When the granita is firm and solid, scrape it with a fork or spoon and serve in a parfait glass. Cover and freeze leftovers in the freezer until ready to enjoy.

Ingredients

- 1 lb (450 g) fresh strawberries, hulled
- 1/3 cup agave nectar
- 5-6 tbsp fresh lime juice, to taste
- 1/2 cup water

4 SPORTS

Basketball

First to score in NBA dead at 94

Oscar (Ossie) Schectman, the former New York Knicks guard who scored the first basket in NBA history, died Tuesday. He was 94.

Schectman scored the opening basket of a game in what was then known as the BAA on Nov. 1, 1946, for the Knicks against the Toronto Huskies.

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NBA

Pistons acquire Jennings in trade

The Detroit Pistons have made another move in their busy off-season, acquiring Brandon Jennings as they desperately try to end their four-year post-season drought.

Detroit landed the point guard from the Milwaukee Bucks for point guard Brandon Knight and two prospects, according to a person familiar with the deal.

The person, who spoke Tuesday on condition of anonymity to The Associated Press because the trade hasn't been announced, said Jennings has agreed to a $24-million US, three-year contract with the Pistons.

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Swimming

Ledecky levels another record

American teenager Katie Ledecky smashed the world record in the 1,500 freestyle for her second gold medal at the world aquatic championships on Tuesday.

Looking stronger at the end of the gruelling race than she did at the beginning, the 16-year-old obliterated the world record in the 1,500-metre freestyle by more than six seconds Tuesday night for her second gold medal at the world championships.

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How high? Diving reaches new level at world championships

American Cesilie Carlton descends into the Barcelona harbour during the high diving competition at the world aquatic championships on Tuesday. Carlton — who is afraid of heights and flying — plunged the equivalent of seven storeys and when she resurfaced she had won the inaugural gold medal in the sport at the world championships. QUINN ROONEY/GETTY IMAGES

'Little Joe' signs big deal to stay in S.J.

NHL. Extension worth $30M over five years

Joe Pavelski endured plenty of highs and lows during his first seven seasons with the San Jose Sharks.

Most notably, he saw his year end short of the Stanley Cup final every time. Not living up to expectations so often earned the Sharks a dismal reputation for losing in the playoffs.

"Every year we've come in, you've had that feeling that we can get the job done," Pavelski said. "We haven't turned that corner quite yet."

"Yet" was the word that resonated for Pavelski, who on Tuesday signed a five-year, $30-million US extension that keeps him with the Sharks through the 2018-19 season. It was a deal the 29-year-old centre signed not only for long-term security but also because he believes this group can win a championship.

"To be a part of the core, to play those minutes, to be looked at like that, it's one of the big reasons why I believe this team can win," he said on a conference call with reporters.

All about the cup

"We haven't turned that corner quite yet."

Joe Pavelski, on the Sharks' playoff hopes.

Joe Pavelski signed a five-year deal with the San Jose Sharks. EZRA SHAW/GETTY IMAGES

"It's because we've been there, we've learned, we've grown up as a group in a lot of ways. "

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Elsewhere in free agency

- The Maple Leafs avoided arbitration with Mark Fraser, signing the defenceman to a one-year deal, reportedly worth $1.275 million on Tuesday.
- The Canucks signed Latvian forward Ronalds Kenins, who spent last season with the Zurich Lions.
- The Flames have signed centre Josh Jooris to a two-year, two-way deal worth $832,500 per year in the NHL and $70,000 in the AHL, with a signing bonus of $92,500.

NFL. From Kenya to Indy: Steep learning curve ahead for rugby player

Daniel Adongo has never played a down of American football, has watched only a few games on television and he tends to fidget with his helmet.

Somehow, the Indianapolis Colts found this muscle-bound six-foot-five, 257-pound athlete on the rugby fields of Kenya and decided to give him a shot at making an NFL roster.

"Just take your steps and be patient," Adongo said. "The biggest thing is to be patient with myself and allow myself to have a good learning curve and build myself up."

There are plenty of things the 23-year-old must figure out now that he's working out with his new teammates at training camp.

He's still learning how to get around town, still getting used to the sensation of a helmet and pads and, of course, still learning the sport.

"He's coming over, he's here for two days and now he's going to experience an NFL camp right away. That's going to be tough, but he has teammates so hopefully everybody can help him out," said Colts rookie Bjoern Werner, who grew up in Germany.

There is little doubt Adongo can run and hit.

But the Colts are still trying to figure out where he fits best and how long, or successful, the conversion might take. Adongo believes linebacker is the most logical place to start given the combination of size, speed and aggression required to excel in rugby. If that doesn't work out, he might get a chance at defensive end, tight end or fullback.

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DRIVE

These Misfits know how to turn heads

Autopilot. Cleveland CycleWerks' retro bike models are going down a treat in Canada

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Cleveland CycleWerks is based on the premise that the major motorcycle manufacturers are currently under-serving a demand for small, affordable — and stylish — motorcycles.

According to propaganda on its website, Cleveland CycleWerks founder and designer, Scott Colosimo, is determined to develop a global company that delivers, "kick-ass motor products for the world … We build bikes to turn heads and save you money."

That's how I first encountered them — they turned my head when I was trolling around a motorcycle show a couple of years ago.

While they've been on the U.S. market since 2009, they've only been available in Canada for less than a year. Lately, I've been seeing Cleveland Misfit models buzzing around my part of town, and whenever they do, they still manage to snap my head around.

The 250-cc class Misfit and Heist models are obviously retro and minimalist — just how I like my motorcycle stylings. Minimalist and retro is also how so-called Hipsters like most anything, and the Cleveland bikes are definitely targeting and attracting this crowd. But according to their Canadian distributor, the bikes are also having a broader appeal in Canada than first anticipated.

"We sort of assumed Misfit would cater to young hipsters," says Neil Vanderkooi, director of business development at Visionary Motorsports, over the phone from the company's head office in Edmonton. "But once other people see the bike, they also realize it's a good bike for a good price."

Cleveland is home to The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Cleveland CycleWerks, which conceives a line of cool, small bikes, including Tha Heist (above) . CONTRIBUTED

Both Misfit and Heist sell for $3,499. "We're doing well in rural Alberta, for example, where we didn't think people would be interested in a lower displacement bike." Vanderkooi notes small bikes can appeal on many levels. They're a good first-time bike, or alternative for those not comfortable on the big bikes. You can also stick one on the back of an RV. And they can give a seasoned biker something different to play with for a change.

He adds the bikes also lend themselves to easy and cheap modification and customization — not always the case with more expensive and larger machinery. Heavy-duty motorcycle guys are also buying them for their girlfriends and wives. (A little bit sexist yes, but what can you do?)

Two more bikes, Ace and Hooligan, will join the Canadian offerings, as soon as they complete their Transport Canada certification.

Ace is in the "supermoto" mould, and therefore more modern in vibe than the others, but Vanderkooi says it was always the plan to have two distinct lines: retro and modern.

While conceived and designed in Cleveland, Ohio, all the bikes are actually built and assembled in China. Many in the biker community are pretty sticky about where they want their bikes built, and China is not generally on their preferred locale list, but Cleveland CycleWerks has never shied away from discussing their Chinese connections. Obviously some people don't like the Chinese connection, says Vanderkooi, but it's an important element in the affordability story, and he asks rhetorically, what hasn't been made in China of late?

The 250-cc models are not designed for extended highway cruising, but Vanderkooi says there are some larger bikes in the works that will be. Stay tuned.

But let's hope those models aren't too big. Because as we all well know, size does indeed matter; sometimes things are just too big.

Flooded cars may be flooding the market

Driving force. Beware: With so many vehicles damaged by the recent extreme weather many will want to sell on their damaged goods

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Advice

- **Better safe than sorry.** Cars written off in collisions are sometimes shoddily fixed and resold. Always check the vehicle's history, since these vehicles can be unsafe to drive.
- **Mechanic's opinion.** It's always best to have a trusted mechanic check over any used car you're planning to buy.

Could this be your next second-hand car? TORSTAR NEW SERVICE

Following the recent floods in places like Toronto and Calgary, it's possible some water-damaged cars may have been quickly dried out and offered for sale to unsuspecting buyers.

"People should never purchase a used vehicle without a vehicle history report," says Anne Marie Thomas, manager of sales and new business development for Insurance-Hotline.com. "A lot of people buy the history report after they've purchased the car, and that's like closing the barn door after the horse is gone."

When an insurance company writes off a car, it doesn't necessarily mean that it can't be fixed, but that the repairs will cost more than the vehicle is worth. This write-off status is noted on the vehicle's registration. Such cars are commonly called "branded."

It's possible to repair a branded vehicle to the province's safety standards and have it reinstated for the road, but some unscrupulous owners or dealers will do just a quick cosmetic touch-up and offer the car for sale. A vehicle history report will indicate if the car has been branded, and if so, if it was subsequently repaired to provincial standards and recertified. If it wasn't, you can't put license plates on it.

Water-damaged cars aren't necessarily written off, though, and the seller may not tell you that it got soaked. Watch for vehicles registered in places that got flooded, and that were put up for sale in other provinces a month or two after the disaster.

Check the car for clues. A mouldy smell is an immediate tip-off, but a car that smells very strongly of air fresheners could warn of a post-flood cleanup. Look in the engine compartment, glove box, in the trunk under the spare tire, under the dash, or in other hidden areas for dried mud or sand. Check the wiring, since flooding can turn it brittle. When you turn the key, all of the warning lights should come on for a short period. Be wary if some don't, because it could indicate that water got into the system.

Bring the horse to water

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Beware of new carpeting or seat upholstery. If you can, pull up a corner of the carpet to look at the condition of the floor, or reach under the seat to see if the underside is damp or dirty. Pull the seatbelts all the way out and look for water stains on the lower portion.

"A mechanic might be able to help with identifying a flooded car," Thomas says. "It depends on the extent of the damage. Some can be fixed, but others are beyond repair."

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Immerse yourself in activities that keep both your hands and your mind occupied. If nothing else, it will distract you from issues you have been worrying about too much.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Important matters beckon today and you will need to be in the right frame of mind if you are to deal with them properly. With that in mind, try to avoid people who never seem to take life seriously.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Hopefully you have resolved your differences with certain people and everything is calm. If not, make the effort to patch things up now because you don't want to be bothered with petty things later this week.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
If you have a good idea, act on it straight away. The longer you sit there wondering if it's really as good as you think it is, the more likely it is someone else will beat you to it.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
A decision made in haste causes trouble, so stop and think about what you are about to commit yourself to. You may be eager to start something new but there's no rush.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
The celestial cycle you are on at the moment is concerned mainly with your thought processes. Take time to look back over the past few months and evaluate honestly what you have accomplished.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Don't try too hard to please people today, because chances are they will withhold their affection just to annoy you. You're a Libra, a cardinal sign, shouldn't they be pleasing you?

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Don't waste time arguing over minor details or trying to defend an opinion you could not care less about. It does not matter what's going on in the world. It matters only that yours is serene.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
It is important that people in authority don't get the idea that you cannot be trusted. Whatever the temptation to embroider the truth may be today, you must be honest.

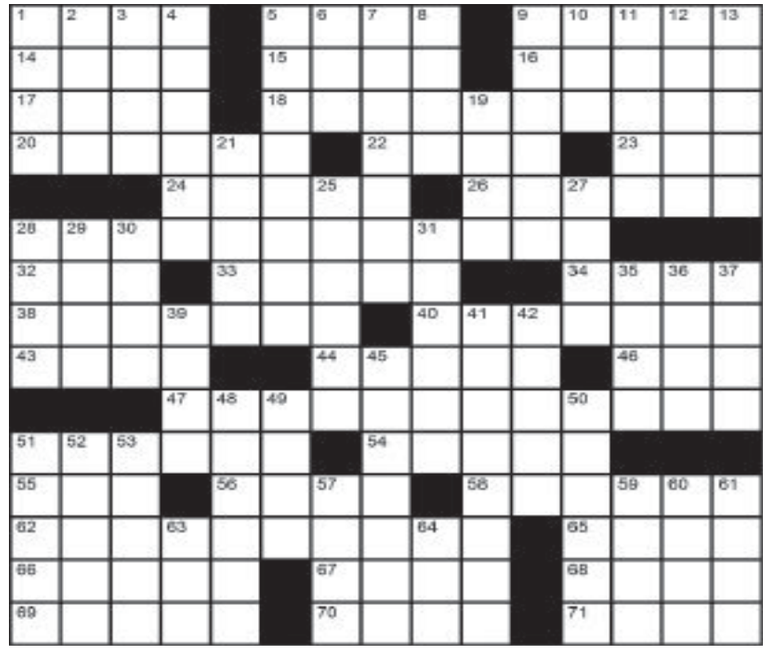
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Capricorn is supposed to be an ambitious sign but it seems the fire in your belly has been a bit weak. Don't worry, in a matter of days, you'll be scheming and fighting your way to the top.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
News you receive from a faraway source may be unwelcome but don't let it bother you. Better times are just around the corner and it won't be long before your present worries fade.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
If someone needs your help today, drop what you are doing and give them the assistance they require. Go out of your way to support them. It will be worth the effort in the long term. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

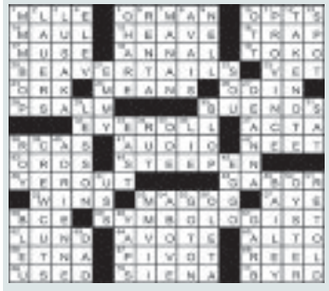
See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Rich earth
5. Frances __ (Judy Garland, originally)
9. Savage
14. Violinist, Camilla __ (b.1842 - d.1902)
15. Beneficial-to-skin plant
16. Once __ _ time...
17. In __ of (Replacing)
18. Song versions
20. Clear, as a drain with Drano
22. Vegan's protein
23. Converged
24. Stage stuff
26. Van Gogh flowers
28. Alberta-Saskatchewan border city
32. Archer's wood
33. Kidney-related
34. Dame __ Te Kanawa (New Zealand opera star)
38. Hybrid citrus fruit
40. Viking ship crew
43. 'Happy Motoring!' sloganeer
44. Higher up
46. Ms. Thurman
47. Village in Manitoba
51. Dish-cleaning aid
54. Song line
55. Atop, in verse
56. Pinpoint
58. Shrewd
62. Sport for lumberjacks
65. Biblical brother
66. Dancing __ (Delighted): 2 wds.
67. Silk: French
68. Reality TV star Ms. Leakes
69. Irish playwright, J.M. __ (b.1871 - d.1909)
70. They came marching two-by-two...
71. Single-named Art Deco designer

Down
1. "To Sir, with Love" (1967) actress/singer
2. "...thunder, lightning, __ __ rain?" (First Witch's query from Macbeth)
3. "Hold on _ __!" (Wait!)
4. Like green-patched cheese
5. Evil wizard in "The Smurfs 2" (2013)
6. Diminutive suffix
7. State bordering BC, AB and SK
8. Beatles' "Love __ __"
9. Canadian electronics chain store, __ Shop
10. Prefix with 'dermis'
11. Boards
12. Year: French
13. Wears well
19. "__ ain't broke...": 2 wds.
21. Command: French
25. Ancient inhabitant of Crete
27. Is a pain
28. 'Electro' suffix
29. Actress Ms. Thompson's
30. Possesses
31. '60s hit for The McCoys: "Hang on __"
35. American deejay Don
36. Two notes to follow Do
37. "__ __ little time..." (The quickest way)
39. Wedding __
41. Norms
42. Mr. Philbin
45. 1,000,000,000
48. Brush aside
49. "Hud" (1963) actress Patricia
50. High-__ fuel
51. Alone activities
52. Type of flower
53. Phantom of the Opera's instrument
57. Ingrid's "Casablanca" (1942) role
59. 'Very', slang-style
60. Camper's shelter
61. Bit of The Band: "Virgil, quick, come see, there goes the Robert _. __!"
63. Manipulate
64. Baby bug

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

3	6	1	7	4	2	5	8	9
8	7	4	9	1	5	6	2	3
2	9	5	6	8	3	7	4	1
9	8	6	1	5	4	3	7	2
4	1	3	2	7	6	9	5	8
7	5	2	3	9	8	1	6	4
1	2	7	4	6	9	8	3	5
6	3	8	5	2	1	4	9	7
5	4	9	8	3	7	2	1	6

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